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## SPECIAL NOTE FROM EDITOR (By KB8NW)

There will not be an OPDX Bulletin next week as I will be attending the Dayton HamVention. "IF" I receive a major announcement, I will probably send out a special bulletin. However, PLEASE continue to send your DX information. You never know what I might do....
See you in Day-Xenia! 73 de Tedd KB8NW

## DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 7th/May, through Sunday, 14th/May there were 213 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5R, 5T, 5U, 5W, 5Z, 6Y, 7P, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 9A, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, E4, E5/n, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, EU, EX, EY, F, FG, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FS, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J5, J6, J8, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PY, PZ, S0, S5, S7, SM, SP, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T5, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TR, TU, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9L, VP2E, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VR, VU, VU4, XE, XW, XX9, YB, YI, YL, YN, YO, YU, YV, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZD8, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS, ZS8

*** PLEASE NOTE:** The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

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8R, GUYANA (Cancelled). Tom, KC0W, has cancelled his 8R1/KC0W operation.
Early in the week he stated there was a problem with his license. Look
for Tom to head to Africa next month.
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9L, SIERRA LEONE (IOTA Op). The Italian DXpedition Team (IDT) has announced that their next Dxpedition will be in mid-March 2018 will be to Sherbro Island (AF-056) using the callsign 9L1T. Operators mentioned are Alfeo/I1HJT, Silvano/I2YSB, Vinicio/IK2CIO, Angelo/IK2CKR, Marcello/IK2DIA, Stefano/IK2HKT and Mac/JA3USA. Art, IK7JWY, will be the HF pilot station. They expect to have 3 stations on all HF bands (no 50 MHz), using CW and SSB, and RTTY one band only, to be chosen. You can participate in the 9L1T survey on their official Web site at: http://www.i2ysb.com/idt
Subject to the availability of internet connection, the REAL TIME Log will be available at: http://win.i2ysb.com/logonline
Official forum at: http://www.hamradioweb.net

CT9, MADEIRA. Operators Serge/R7KW and Oleg/YL3JM will once again be active as CT9/R7KW and CT9/YL3JM from Madeira Island (AF-014) between May 25-28th. Activity will be on various HF bands. Look for CT9/R7KW to be in the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 27-28th). QSL both callsigns via K2PF or ClubLog's OQRS.

DAY-XENIA HAMVENTION NEWS.....

* DAYTON HAMVENTION DX HOSPITALITY SUITE. The Northern Ohio DX Association (along with Janeen Hire, W8ZET) will once again sponsor a Hospitality Suite (21st year) at this year's Dayton HamVention. It will be in Suite 1011 on the 10th floor of the Crowne Plaza Hotel on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings (Look for signs!). All DXers/Contesters are welcome. Munchies and refreshments will be available. Come and meet the members and friends of NODXA.

* DAY-XENIA 2017 CONTEST ACTIVITIES. Tim Duffy, K3LR, has put together a short video on the Contest University and other contest related activities at Day-Xenia 2017. You can access the video on the World-Wide Radio Operators Foundation (WWROF) at the following URL link: http://wwrof.org/webinar-archive/k3lr-contest-university-2017-dayton-contest-activities

* WATCH HAM NATION AND CTU FROM DAYTON. Tim Duffy, K3LR, reports: If you are not attending Dayton this coming week - here are a few interesting Dayton live events that you can watch on the Internet from anywhere.

  On Wednesday, May 17th at 9 PM EDT Ham Nation will be LIVE from the Crowne Plaza Contest Super Suite. Ham Nation is led by Bob Heil, K9EID, and along with Val Hotzfeld, NV9L this should be a very entertaining live show with guests from the Super Suite audience.

  To watch Ham Nation LIVE - go to this link on Wednesday, May 17th at 9 PM EDT -- https://twit.tv/live

  You can watch the recording of the "Ham Nation at the Crowne Plaza" show starting on Thursday morning (day after the live show) - go here: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLFKUe65yQy_vCT9kiubMkzZ6LQvESZn8O

  Thanks to Icom America, selected sessions of 2017 Dayton Contest University (CTU) will be shown LIVE on Thursday, May 18th starting at 8 AM EDT and lasting until 5 PM EDT. The CTU talks that will be shown LIVE are those in SALON ABCD or SALON B. You can see the CTU course times and topics (look for SALON ABCD or SALON B). See the PDF here:
  https://www.contestuniversity.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/2017-CTU-Classes-rev-5.pdf

To watch the Icom LIVE feed from Contest University in Dayton go to
 and click on the CLICK HERE button
under the home page photos - next Thursday morning at 8 AM EDT.

There will be CTU recordings (these LIVE sessions) posted on the
CTU website by Icom a few weeks after CTU.

More details about Contest Super Suite and Contest University are here:
http://contestsupersuite.com and http://contestuniversity.com

* DAY-XENIA FLEA MARKET HOURS (General Public/Note The Change). From the HamVention schedule, there is an interesting change from previous years -- This year the flea market is scheduled to open to the general public at 9:00 AM, rather than the 8:00 AM opening that has been in practice for many years.

E4, PALESTINE (Reminder). Janusz, SP9FIH, will be active as E44WE from Bethlehem between May 16-30th. He states that this is a "reconnaissance" operation and his license is good for a year -- with more operations to happen during the year. Activity will only be on 17/10/6 meters using only 100 watts. QSL via SP9FIH or by ClubLog's OQRS (preferred). For more details, updates and a online log-search, see: http://www.e4.dxpeditions.org

E5, NORTH COOK ISLANDS (Update). Cezar, VE3LYC, is now active as E51LYC from Pukapuka Atoll (OC-098), North Cook Islands, until May 23rd. This IOTA group has been on the air for more than 22 years. (See OPDX.1313) Activity will be on 40-10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via his home call-sign or ClubLog's OQRS. For more details and updates on his band activities, watch: http://e51lyc.weebly.com

E5, SOUTH COOK ISLANDS. Alex, F4GHS, will be active as E51GHS from two of the South Cook Islands during August. His schedule is as follows:
August 7-16th -- from Aitutaki Island (OC-083)
August 16-25th -- from Rarotonga Island (OC-013)
Activity will be holiday style on various HF bands using a K3 into a home-made vertical (20m). QSL via his home callsign.

EG8, CANARY ISLANDS. Jack, R2AA, will be active as EG8AA from the Canary Islands during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 27-28th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via RW3RN.

IOTA NEWS.....

AF-111P. "DX-World.net" reports that a team of 4-5 seasoned IOTA activators are planning a 3-4 day operation from Baiyah Island later this year. Dates are to be determined, but probably sometime in November. A reconnaissance trip has been completed with vital information on this little known island being collated. This IOTA group has never been activated before. More details, Web site and callsign will be forth-coming in the second half of 2017.

EU-003. Operators Al/CU2GC and Pedro/CS8ABY will be active as CR1FF from Sao Miguel Island between August 19-20th. Station will be operating inside Farol da Ferraria Lighthouse (ILLW PT-0021). QSL via CS5NRA, direct or by the Bureau. For more details, see: http://www.nra.pt

EU-020. Members of the Gotlands Radioklubb (SK1BL) will be active using the special callsigns 7S1GRK and SK70BL from Gotland Island until December 31st. Activity is to celebrate the club's 70th anniversary. Activity will be on various HF bands. A special award is available. For details, see: http://sk1bl.hamlogs.net All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the Bureau. Please, NO return QSLs.

EU-110. Eight Croatian operators will be active as 9A17B from the Brijuni National Park on Veli Brijun Island (EU-110) between May 19-21st. QSL via 9A2MF.

JT, MONGOLIA. Roman, RN5M, is now in Mongolia and will use the JT5DX contest station (under construction) in Zuunburen which is northwest of Ulaanbaatar. Look for him to be active during his free time as JT5MA. QSL via LY5W direct only (not LY QSL Bureau member). He is expected to be there until May 31st.

KH4 AND KH7 REINSTATED!!! It was announced on the ARRL Web page, on May 11th, that "Midway and Kure Islands Reinstated as DXCC Entities". The press release states: On March 31, 2017, the DXCC desk announced the deletion of Midway Island and Kure Island from the DXCC entities list. The stated reason for this action was because of changes in the administration resulting from changes in Papahanaumokuakea Marine National Monument, formerly known as the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Marine National Monument, of which the Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge and the Battle of Midway National Memorial, the Hawaii State Seabird Sanctuary at Kure Atoll, and the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands State Marine Refuge, of which they are all included.

After further review it has been found that the deletion of these two entities is not supported by the changes that were made to the relevant administrations. Therefore, the deletions from the DXCC list should not have occurred and the two entities, Midway Island KH4 and Kure Island KH7K, will return to the DXCC list as separate entities.

http://www.arrl.org/news/view/midway-and-kure-islands-reinstated-as-dxcc-entities

ADDED NOTE: Do you want to know how to pronounce "Papahanaumokuakea"? Go here to hear how to pronounce it:

http://www.papahanaumokuakea.gov/about/pronounce.mp3

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (May 15-21st).....

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| May/15th | AN | May/18th | HN | May/20th | DIS |
| May/16th | HN | May/19th | DIS | May/21st | HN |
| May/17th | LN | | | | |

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

| NORMALITY | GEOMAG | K Values | Alpha |
|---|---|---|---|
| AN - Above Normal | Quiet | K=0-1 | 0-7 |
| HN - High Normal | Unsettled | K=2 | 8-15 |
| LN - Low Normal | Active | K=3 | 16-29 |
| BN - Below Normal | Minor Storm | K=4 | 30-49 |
| DIS - Disturbed | Major Storm | K=5 | 50-99 |
| VRY DIS - Very Disturbed | Severe Storm | K=6-9 | 100-400 |

REALTIME BAND CONDITIONS WEB SITE :

The purpose of this experimental Web site is to provide 24-7-365 actual (REALTIME) band condition information to CW QRPp, QRPe and CW/SSB for

Contesters interested in increasing their scores. It can also be of benefit to other Radio Amateurs to determine band conditions for Nets and casual QSO's. This information is NOT based on any software predictions or any kind of satellite based readings. It is based on a new Ionospheric sounding method called "HF Ionospheric Interferometry" which operates very similarly to the PolSAR system used by NASA.

Also, check out the VOACAP predication Web page at:
http://www.voacap.com/prediction.html
A daily HF radio wave propagation forecast can be found at:
https://www.facebook.com/thomasfranklingiellaw4hm
Also on Twitter: https://twitter.com/@GiellaW4hm

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX by Lothar, DL1SBF, will be back next issue....

QSL UPDATE BY DL2SBY. Kasimir, DL2SBY, informs OPDX that QSL cards for his activities as S79KB, 8Q7KB and HB0/DL2SBY via the Bureau will only be possible until the end of September 2017. Please don't send any more QSL cards through the Bureau. QSL requests for Bureau cards will only be accepted/possible by CLUBLOG after the end of September 2017.

QSLS RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 5K0N, 5V7P, 9M2/R6AF/P (AS-073), A25UK, C5FUD, FW5JJ, J5B, MJ/PA1AW, MJ/PA9JO, MJ/PB5X, PA3PCV, PE1NCP, RV6ALI, TF/KM4SII, TI2CC and VP5H

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 5U5R, 9G5X, EK/RZ3DJ, H40FN, J6/K1ZZI, S21SM, S21ZED, S21ZEE, VP6EU and XX9D

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 5B4AHL, 5H1XX, 7M4GMH (IOTA AS-007), 8J1ITU, 8J3XX/3, 8N1F/1, 8N1HQ, 8R1AE, 9M2A, 9M2/JE1SCJ, A35T, DU1ST, EA6/G3SZU, EP6T, HH2/HB9AMO, JD11BON (IOTA AS-31), JI3DST/1 (IOTA AS-008), JI3DST/5 (IOTA AS-200), KH2Y, MD0CCE, PJ4DX, PJ4NX, PJ4V, T8CW, T88A, T88ON, T88ZO, TC7V, TT8AMO, TX5T, V63GG, VK9MT, VR2KF, XV9NPS and ZM90DX

S21, BANGLADESH. Jun, JH4RHF/OE1ZKC, is now active as S21ZBD from Bangladesh until May 17th. Activity will be on various HF bands. QSL via OE1ZKC.

SD3/SD5/SD7/SM5/SM7, SWEDEN (IOTA and WWFF Op). A group of German operators are planning a one week IOTA and WWFF Expedition between May 20-28th. Operators mentioned are Ric/DL2VFR, Klaus-Peter/DL2YBG and Klaus/DL7UXG. Their schedule and callsigns are as follows:

May 20-21st -- Öland Island (EU-037) signing SD7V, SD3G/7 and SM7/DL2YBG
May 21-25th -- They will be based within SMFF-0366 / Ekön on a camping site. From there they will go by boat at least once to EU-177 during daylight. Callsigns are SD7V/5, SD3G/5 and SM5/DL2YBG.
May 25-27th -- Tjurkö Island (EU-138) signing SD7V, SD3G/7 and SM7/DL2YBG again.

Operations will be on CW and SSB. There is still a chance that DL2YBG will receive a special Swedish callsign as well (he applied for SD5Y?). QSL SD7V callsigns via DL2VFR. QSL SD3G callsigns via DL7UXG. QSL DL2YBG callsigns via his home callsign.

SV9, CRETE. Ron, WB2GAI, will once again be active as SV9/WB2GAI/P from Crete (EU-015) between July 2nd and September 29th. He states that he will be using an Elecraft KX2 and KX3 rigs into a LNR/PAR end-fed/half-wave antennas. All DX stations QSL via the Bureau. USA stations QSL to his callbook address. All received QSLs are sent out at the end of the month received. LogBook of the World not used, Ron collects QSL cards and still uses paper log books. ADDED NOTE: Ron has all his logs for PJ8 (1996) and SV9 (2001, 2005, 2009 and 2011), if you are in need of his QSL.

T2, TUVALU. John, KK7L, will once again be active as T2R from Funafuti Atoll (OC-015) between May 23-29th. John is there continuing the club outreach and education efforts by introducing government, Red Cross, and others to HF Digital modes for inter-island and around-the-world communications. If all goes well, a permanent Winlink station will be established for emergency and maritime communications needs in the Central Pacific region. Donations are welcome to help cover the cost for a set of radios to support digital mode operations from Tuvalu. See QRZ.com for more details.? Activity will be on various HF bands and possibly an entry in the CQWW WPX CW Contest. QSL via N7SMI, LoTW or ClubLog.

T8, PALAU. Operators Kay/JH3AZC (T88CX), Takio/JH3QFL (T88CU), Mamoru/JH3VAA (T88CV) and Taka/JP3EKR (T88DG) will be active from the "West Plaza Hotel By The Sea" on Korror Island (OC-009) between October 11-16th. Look for T88CX and T88DG to be active on 2 meters EME (grid locator PJ77fi) and T8CU to be on the satellites. T88CV will be active on the HF bands. There is a team callsign to be used which is T8EM. QSL T88CX and T8EM via JH3AZC, T88DG via JP3EXR, T88CU via JH3QFL and T88CV via JH3VAA.

TJ, CAMEROON. Dan, AA9WO, is a new resident living at Yaounde and became active as TJ3PD on May 10th. Activity has been on 20 meters SSB, but operations are limited to time, weather and electricity (constant power outages). He states on QRZ.com, "Hopefully, I can get a battery hooked up so the daily power cuts don't take me off the air so often." "The Daily DX" states, "Dan is running 100 watts, or less, from an IC-707 using dipoles, at the moment. For the moment listen for him on 40, 20 and 10 meters mainly on SSB. However, he plans to eventually be active on 80-10 meters." QSL via LoTW.

TN, REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO. Ken, LA7GIA, will be active as TN5E from Brazzaville between May 25th and June 4th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters (possibly 6m) using CW and SSB. His equipment is an Elecraft K3 with an Ameritron ALS 500 amp, into a 2 element rotatable beam for 20/15/10m (up 25-30 meters), wire dipoles on 80/40/30/17/12m (up 25-30 meters), 80m dipole fixed to EU, 40/30/17/15/12m dipole fixed to NA/VK, 5 element Cushcraft 50 MHz rotatable beam up 25 meter, Low-band receiving antennas, homebrew K9AY and BOG, and wire backup antennas on all frequencies (dipole/delta loop). QSL via M0OXO, LoTW or ClubLog's OQRS. FREE LoTW June 5th!! OQRS will be activated, Bureau cards MUST be requested via OQRS!! For more details and updates, see:

http://la7gia.com/tn%20-%20congo/index.html

VE, CANADA (Rare Canadian Satellite Grid Expedition). Ken, VE3HLS, has announced that he plans to operate from four never-activated grids on the satellites grids this weekend (May 20th and 21st). He will be driving up from his home QTH in FN03 to Chibougamau, QC, on the afternoon of Saturday, May 20th. There are several favorable passes on Saturday evening and he hopes to spend a few hours handing out the FN29 grid as a warm up. On Sunday the 21st, there is a bonanza of great satellite passes! The trouble will be deciding when to break so he can move to a different

location. The plan at this time is to set up on the FN29/39 boundary in the morning and operate there for a few hours. Then he will move to FO20/30 and then FO20/FN29. More information about operating schedules will be posted on amsat-bb as he gets closer to departure date. He will also post information on his QRZ page at: https://qrz.com/db/VE3HLS

VP2M, MONTSERRAT. George, K2DM, will once again be active as VP2MDG from Montserrat (NA-103) between May 25-29th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters, and he plans to be in the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 27-28th). QSL via his home callsign direct only or LoTW. NO Bureau QSLs.

VR20, HONG KONG (Special Event). Brett, VR2BG, Treasurer of the HRSA, just found out that the Hongkong Radio Sports Association's (HRSA) requests to allow VR2s to sign VR20 (VR-two-zero) from July 1st, 2017, to June 30th, 2018, to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the HK Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China, has been approved by their tele-communications authority. See the following URL for details: https://www.itu.int/dms_pub/itu-t/opb/sp/T-SP-OB.1116-2017-OAS-PDF-E.pdf

VU7, LAKSHADWEEP ISLANDS (Reminder/Update). Krish, W4VKU/VU2VKU, will be active as VU7KP from Bangaram Island, Lakshadweep Islands (AS-011), between May 15-19th. Pai, VU2PAI, will not be joining him as first announced. Activity will be holiday style on 40-10 meters using SSB and RTTY. There may be some 80 meters operations. QSL via W4VKU, ClubLog's OQRS or LoTW.

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